

**AURORA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Jan 18, 2021**

**AT 7:00 PM**

**Boyd Community Center**

**420 E Morton Ave.**

**Boyd, Texas 76023**

Item	Time	Notes
Call To Order	7:00 PM	<b>Members Present</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janet Derting</li><li>• Deb Terrell</li><li>• Bill McCurdy</li><li>• Pennye Shockey</li><li>• Jason Priakos</li><li>• Jason Brummal</li><li>• Terry Solomon</li><li>• Constable Applewhite</li><li>• Officer Compton</li></ul>
Invocation/Pledge	7:00 PM	Mayor Solomon
Public Forum	7:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constable Applewhite<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Not looking to infringe or strong arm</li></ul></li><li>• Officer Compton<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ If there is an issue, this become a class B and must be arrested</li></ul></li><li>• Reggie Byrd<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Thank you to the forensic committee for work</li></ul></li><li>• Chad Pritchett<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Co-owner of Atomic Taco</li><li>◦ Formal complaint about</li><li>◦ Hate speech against Jason Debord</li><li>◦ Complaint requested to be on Council, but ignored</li><li>◦ Jason D. falsified health inspectors report</li><li>◦ Dan Kelly - was the builder of Area114</li><li>◦ Tried to handle with Toni Wheeler</li><li>◦ Requested to be heard (missed the date</li></ul></li></ul>

		<p>but long time ago)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Gary Garcia<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Co-owner of Atomic Taco</li><li>○ Feb 2020 - August 2020</li><li>○ TCEQ came out</li><li>○ Met with J. Priakos about hate speech and was told to contact Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem</li><li>○ Contact Jason Brummal and Mayor, only contacted the Mayor</li><li>○ False CPS report against Gary and son by Torres</li><li>○ Office of Attorney General sent note</li><li>○ No confirmation</li><li>○ Served City and J. Debord</li><li>○ Still awaiting City</li><li>○ Lynnell Day was contacted about forge and refused certified letters</li><li>○ Wants information of where this stands</li></ul></li><li>● George Terrell<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Don't tear down City Hall</li><li>○ Just make room for temp building</li><li>○ General Election<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Depends on when the resignation happens</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>● Rueben Martines - waive</li><li>● Ron Pelligrini - Forensic Audit - will defer until Agenda</li><li>● Joe Olstra - Forensic Audit - will defer until Agenda Item</li></ul>				
Consent Agenda		<table border="1"><tr><td>Motion</td><td>Jason Brummal</td></tr><tr><td>Second</td><td>Bill McCurdy</td></tr></table> <p>Discussion Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Jason Brummal read the City of Aurora Bank Transactions</li><li>● Question about what CPA State*<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Likely sales tax</li><li>○</li></ul></li></ul>	Motion	Jason Brummal	Second	Bill McCurdy
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Second	Bill McCurdy					

		For	Unanimous
		Against	N/A
		Abstain	N/A
Motion: Passes			

Mayor and Council Reports	7:01 - 7:04;  7:19	
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mayor Ground Rules (7:01-7:04) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Starting tonight, out of order discussions cease</li> <li>○ Each person allowed for 3 minutes to speak about anything</li> <li>○ If not an Agenda item, we cannot comment short of thank you</li> <li>○ More appropriate to speak during the agenda item</li> <li>○ If disrupt meeting - first warning, send warning, third time to remove you from the meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mayor report (7:19 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thank you for time, people on the Council are not your enemy</li> <li>○ ACC not paid, volunteer position</li> <li>○ We understand the frustration, would prefer to have the tone taken down on social media</li> <li>○ Lots of rumors, trying to get to the bottom of them</li> <li>○ Trying to keep the City going, more than a single person can do, thankless job.</li> <li>○ Scandal causes people want to stir the pot, when for 14 years nobody showed up, City appeared to be running correctly based on audits</li> <li>○ Part of the Council trying to keep City going others trying to investigate what has happened</li> <li>○ \$500k Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pennye - several grants (get from Pennye for notes)</li> <li>■ NTCOG is where data came from</li> <li>■ Nothing from TWPD</li> <li>■ If there is someone with knowledge get with Pennye</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Road Repair</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

- City is running, road repair on the radar - at mercy of weather and county
  - Need to setup materials
  - Might be adding a link to website
- Zoom/Facebook
  - City is open to Zoom/Facebook
- Theft from Ballpark
  - Youth association
- City Admin/City Secretary
  - Sheet available for what has been discussed
  - Please get the sheet if available
  - Should both City Admin/City Secretary be budgeted
  - Trying to understand the building situation
- Illegal Digging
  - 20 years that this has been happening
  - How to stop we don't know how
  - Court of record requires a building - need that to prosecute the digging with >\$100k in fines
- Mayor is resigning
  - This will be effective after 8-days from acceptance
- Pennye Shockey
  - Found Franklin doing codification

Sub-committee Report	7:32	
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Discussion:

- Kristen Groton? - City Vision sub-committee
  - Get with citizens to figure out what we want from the City
  - Committee meeting Monday morning
  - Work-shopping to formalize some ideas and wants
  - Aurora Texas residents FB page is one of gathering place
  - Would like one more member
- Tracey - Forensic Audit Committee
  - 5 members
  - Contacted different forensic specialists
  - Submitted proposal to City - review in Agenda
  - Halt on Forensic Audit until DA/Ranger completes and then acquire report from DA.
  - Read the additional paperwork

Consider and take possible action on recommendation of Forensic Auditor Committee.		<p>Motion to accept the recommendation of the forensic audit committee.</p> <table><tr><td>Motion</td><td>Jason P</td></tr><tr><td>Second</td><td>Bill M</td></tr></table> <p>Amend: Motion from Deb T. to have Council members meet, Jason P. second.</p> <p>For: Unanimous Abstain: Deb and Pennye - COI</p>	Motion	Jason P	Second	Bill M
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Second	Bill M					
<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Clarification that to accept committee</li><li>● Not to hire right now</li><li>● Mis-statement was that Deb Terrell spoke with DA - didn't happen</li><li>● Like to meet with the DA</li><li>● Reggie met with DA, Hill is moving to another county, and another Ranger would take over, Reggie was under the impression that she spoke with him.</li><li>● DA provided new name - Ranger Hill moved to Stephenville, Tx</li><li>● Confusion needs to be made</li><li>● Ron Pelligrini<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ward III, Air Force Veteran, Manges ~1000 employees</li><li>○ Faced this before</li><li>○ Please don't let the emotion get in the way</li><li>○ Emotion gets not throwing good money after bad</li><li>○ In favor of reviewing Rangers report before making any make movements</li><li>○ City needs to move forward</li><li>○ Use the money to better Aurora, not to follow forensic</li></ul></li><li>● Joe Olstra<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Would like to present community petition</li><li>○ Would like to act on and move forward on Forensic Audit</li><li>○ 109 electronic signature, with 41 paper ones, 150 total</li><li>○ Consider forensic audit can expedite investigation, discovery of additional funds, if new found can get more</li><li>○ Are all signatures vetted within the City and legible</li><li>○ BJ Hill said he would accept and believe it would be beneficial</li></ul></li><li>● Gary Garcia<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Concern there was not an audit and would recommend it</li></ul></li><li>● Officer Compton<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Office in Euless is where that would be</li></ul></li></ul>						

- Deb Terrell
  - This is not a forensic audit, may be 2-years out before complete
- Jason Brummal
  - What does it take for a forensic auditor to do work?
  - Not really discussed.
  - No data available to give auditor at this point
  - No denial from council, please vett who might be saying otherwise
- Motion clarification
  - Motion made to accept recommendations, amendment to motion was accepted to not take recommendation until after City Council has met with DA. A for would say to not take recommendation, and Against says to take the recommendation, an abstain is a for in this case.

For	
Against	Brummal, McCurdy
Abstain	All others

Motion: Fails

Consider and take possible action to accept proposal for portable building.

Motion to take action on using a portable building as the City hall

Motion	Jason P.
Second	Bill M

Discussion:

- Anything less than \$50k does not require a bid
- HVAC not guaranteed, but are working
- Skirting and carpet
- Jason P. - prefer to put on blocks that can be moved if/when a permanent structure can be come up with
- Deb T. - we can also re-sell down the line
- Can they make the turn into the property
  - We do not believe there is an issue
- Insurance for current is \$108k+ as soon as on blocks, they have to have it insured. If price goes over ~\$108k number, is all they are going to pay out.
- Pier and beam would be forever there.

- About 1600 sq ft, 2 bathrooms, 2 rooms.
- Meets code?
- Amendment: Jason B. change the amended to specify the \$37,370
  - No second fails
- Amendment: Pennye S. change to accept upon passing inspection
  - No second fails
- Amendment: Jason B. second Jason P. of adding \$37,370 to motion
- Collins: City Inspection will be required

For	JB, JP, BM, DT, JD
Against	N/A
Abstain	Pennye Shockey

Motion: Passes

Consider and take possible action to accept a bid for hydrant replacement and placement of protective posts.

Motion to accept A&E Utilities Services bids to install the 2 hydrants and 2 bollards.

Motion	Jason B
Second	Jason P

Discussion:

- Rhome provided code for the bollards/protection around hydrant
- Is the work guaranteed or just the equipment
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For	Unanimous
Against	N/A
Abstain	N/A

Motion: Passes

Consider and take possible action to purchase and install speed “rumble strips” on Bennett Drive.		Motion to add rumble strips to Bennett Drive to slow speeders	
		Motion	Pennye Shockey
		Second	Bill McCurdy
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2-¼” tall, no issues, no complaints from City Secretary in Springtown</li><li>• Installed for 2-years without issue</li><li>• Need signs installed</li><li>• Is speeding still an issue, yes by delivery and citizens.</li><li>• Concern over horse trailers</li><li>• Speeding an issue, need to deal with one way or another</li><li>• Where would they go on Bennett?</li><li>• What is the speed rating? 2-5 mph is what is listed</li><li>• Need engineering to weigh in??</li></ul>			
For	Unanimous		
Against	N/A		
Abstain	N/A		
Motion: Pass			

Consider and take possible action to appoint Boyd City Secretary as temporary City Secretary for the City Of Aurora to perform election duties.		<div>Motion to appoint Boyd City Secretary as temporary City Secretary for the City of Aurora to perform election duties</div> <table><tr><td>Motion</td><td>Jason B</td></tr><tr><td>Second</td><td>Pennye S.</td></tr></table>	Motion	Jason B	Second	Pennye S.
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<div>Discussion:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only for election cycle</li></ul>						



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They will turn in all the paperwork for us</li> <li>• City of Aurora working with County to hold our election</li> </ul>	
For	Unanimous
Against	N/A
Abstain	N/A
Motion: Pass	

Consider and take possible action to hire outside administrator for City Of Aurora website.		Motion to hire an outside webmaster for City of Aurora. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Motion</td> <td>Jason P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second</td> <td>Bill McCurdy</td> </tr> </table>	Motion	Jason P	Second	Bill McCurdy
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Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government Websites - See Haslett website at bottom</li> <li>• Cave Consulting - metroplex</li> <li>• Skill is on City Secretary requirements</li> </ul>						
For	Unanimous					
Against	N/A					
Abstain	N/A					
Motion: Pass						

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 Mayor Terry Solomon

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 Date